However, for modernization of its fleet and for expansion of routes, both the airlines are in the process of inducting new aircraft in their fleet. While, Air India has signed a purchase agreement with M/s Boeing for purchase of 68 aircraft, Indian Airliens Limited has signed an agreement with M/s Airbus Industries for procurement of 43 Airbus aircraft. The above fleet expansion programme envisages induction of aircraft in a phased manner and also phasing out of some of their older aircraft in the present fleet.

Modernization of IGIA

4280. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi International Airport Ltd. has started implementation of the Master Plan for the expansion and modernization of Indira Gandhi International Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps so far undertaken by it; and

(c) by when the entire modernization of the airport would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Major developmental works undertaken by Delhi International Airport (Private) Limited (DIAL) in the first phase of modernisation at Delhi airport include expansion of Domestic Terminal (T1), refurbishment of International Terminal (T2), construction of a new runway and associated taxiways and new passenger terminal (T3). On completion, these facilities would cater to a traffic of 37 million passenger per annum.

(c) The first phase of the modernisaton would be completed by mid 2010.

Special terminal at GMR-HIAL

4281. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state: